

REMARKS

Claims 20-40 are now pending. Applicants have added claims 31-40 and amended claims 20, 25, 26, and 29.

The Examiner has rejected claims 20, 22, 25, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 20, 25, 28 (via claim 26), and 29 to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicants, however, disagree that claim 22 is indefinite. Claim 22 does not recite "the applets" as the Examiner suggests. Rather, claim 22 recites "other applets" and then "the other applets," which refer to applets other than "the applet" of claim 20.

The Examiner has expressed concern over the abstract and title. Applicants have amended the abstract and title to address the Examiner's concern.

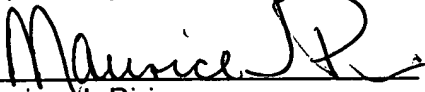
The Examiner has rejected claims 20-30 based on non-statutory double patenting in view of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,338,086. Although applicants disagree, applicants are submitting with this response a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mukherjee. Applicants are submitting with this response, a declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to establish that applicant's date of invention is prior to the filing date – May 22, 1998 – of Mukherjee. Between May 15, 1998 and the filing date of June 11, 1998 of the parent application, the inventors reviewed several drafts of the specification and drawings for the parent. The Appendix demonstrates communications between the inventors and patent counsel. Thus, the inventors were diligent from prior to May 22, 1998 until the filing of the parent application on June 11, 1998 when constructive reduction to practice occurred. Therefore, the rejection based on Mukherjee should be withdrawn.

Based upon these amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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